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In re Patent Application of: )  
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Serial No.: 09/840,861 ) Group Art Unit: 1637  
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For: PROCESS FOR IN VITRO CREATION OF RECOMBINANT  
POLYNUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES BY ORIENTED LIGATION

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**REQUEST FOR ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants respectfully petition for a one (1) month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the time for responding to the Office Action of August 20, 2004 in the above-captioned patent application up to and including December 20, 2004. Applicants attach herewith a check in the amount of \$60.00 to cover the one month extension of time fee for a small entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1). In the event of any variance between the amount enclosed and the fees determined by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, please charge or credit any such variance to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on August 20, 2004, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks. This Amendment is provided in the following format:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper; and

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.